



Recital 2021 is almost here! Hooray! There is a lot happening at the studio as we get closer to the big day and we want to be sure everyone is well informed! Please take some time to read through ALL of the information so you will know where to be when and what to expect during these final weeks!

**PLEASE NOTE! THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF DANCE CLASSES AT CENTER STAGE!!!
All Rehearsals & Performances will be on stage at Hendricks Hall May 31-June 5!**

The week of May 31- June 5 will have a different schedule than usual due to rehearsals and the recitals! You will NOT have any regular classes at Center Stage. Please be sure to mark your calendars accordingly and don't hesitate to ask questions—we want everyone to have a super performance!

WHERE CAN I FIND ANSWERS TO MY RECITAL QUESTIONS?

- On the Recital Information Page on the studio website: centerstageacademy.org/recital2021
- By texting/calling Center Stage at 660.747.6133
- In the weekly "Recital Ready" emails that come out every Monday!

WHICH SHOW IS MY DANCER IN? --- THE 2:30PM PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH!

- Check the studio website to see a complete listing of which classes perform in which showtimes!

WHAT IS THE MASK POLICY?

After careful consideration, we have decided to follow the updated UCM mask policy for our audience members during the recital, making masks optional for fully vaccinated individuals and strongly recommend for all others.

- We will STILL be maintaining socially distanced seating with every other row empty and empty seats in-between parties.
- All dancers & CS staff/volunteers will be required to wear masks backstage when not performing, regardless of vaccination status.
- When dropping off dancers backstage, all individuals will need to wear a mask and only one person should come backstage to check-in/sign-out dancers as needed to help reduce congestion as much as possible!

WHERE ARE THE REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCES? --- At Hendricks Hall on the UCM Campus

- Hendricks Hall is in the Administration Building near the corner of Maguire & South Street.
- Limited parking is available in the Visitor's Lot- additional parking can be found across the street from the visitor's lot. UCM parking rules DO APPLY during the summer as well- so be sure to follow all signs posted. Most (but not all) parking areas are open after 5pm & on weekends!

To Check-In Dancers Backstage:

- You can enter the building either through the front doors of the Admin building (and go down the stairs) or the side door in the loading area of the building. Then follow the signs through the "maze" to the check-in station on the 2nd floor in Grinstead.

To Enter as an Audience Member:

- Enter the building through the front doors of the Admin building and go up the stairs to the main lobby for Hendricks Hall.

BACKSTAGE:

- To provide a safe and secure environment for your children, only CS Staff and Student Leaders will be permitted to remain backstage during the rehearsals and performances.



DOES MY DANCER HAVE A STAGING REHEARSAL?

- Dancers in Creative Movement, Precombo I & Precombo II **DO NOT** have staging rehearsals. They will have a Dress Rehearsal Thursday evening! (See next page!)
- Dancers in Kindergarten Combo, Jr. Ballet 1, Jr. Combo 1, Pre-Company 1, Wonderful World & Rising Stars **DO** have staging rehearsals. Please reference the **Staging Rehearsal Sheet** for your specific times.
- ALL dancers should report to **HENDRICKS HALL on the UCM Campus** at their scheduled staging rehearsal time and **ONLY at this specific time**.
 - You should NOT wear your costumes to staging rehearsals, but should wear dance attire, dance shoes and have your hair pulled back out of your face. Don't forget your mask!
 - Please arrive early to these rehearsals, take a seat in the auditorium, and be ready to dance at your appointed time as each class has a very limited amount of time!

WHEN IS MY DANCER'S DRESS REHEARSAL? --- THURSDAY, JUNE 3 at Hendricks Hall (UCM Campus)

ARRIVAL TIME: 5:00pm, **START TIME:** 5:30pm

- Dancers should arrive with hair & make up done, already wearing their first (or only) costume.
- Reference the **Costume Information Sheet** online for how to wear your hair for the recital and use the dress rehearsal as a practice run to be ready for the recital!
- **REMINDER! DO NOT WEAR DANCE SHOES OUTSIDE!** Dancers will change into their dance shoes before they perform.
- Be sure to label your shoes and any costume pieces/accessories to avoid confusion backstage!

PARENTS SHOULD:

- Check their child in at the Check-In station on the 2nd floor (follow the posted signs). Then escort their child to their assigned dressing room leaving dancers backstage with CS Staff & Student Leaders until after they are done rehearsing their routine(s). **We will not rehearse the finale.**
- Parents can watch in the audience (take pictures/video), or wait elsewhere, but be ready to pick up your child when they are done rehearsing their routine - dress rehearsal will go quickly! An hour or so at most after starting!

DADDY & ME DANCERS: If you are performing in Daddy & Me, you will still check out your dancer after they finish their routine and then have them wait with you in the audience for your one, **REQUIRED** rehearsal. Scheduled start time is approximately 6:30pm after the dress rehearsal is finished.

- This rehearsal is to practice where you stand on stage and formation changes- not to learn the choreography! Be sure to be practicing at home with your dancer so you already know the moves!

DRESS REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY. IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND DRESS REHEARSAL, YOU CANNOT PERFORM IN THE RECITAL.

- We enforce this strict policy for the confidence & safety of the performers. It is crucial for every student to rehearse on the stage before performing & know exactly where they should be at all times.

PERFORMANCE PROCEDURES: --- SATURDAY, JUNE 5 at Hendricks Hall (UCM Campus)

ARRIVAL TIME: 2:00pm, **START TIME:** 2:30pm (The show will run approximately 1.5 hours with a 15-minute intermission.)

- Dancers should arrive with hair & make up done, already wearing their first (or only) costume! If you only perform in tap shoes (Creative Movement, Precombo, etc...), please bring your labeled ballet or jazz shoes with you as well to wear for the finale!

PARENTS SHOULD:

- Check their child in at the Check-In station on the 2nd floor (follow the posted signs). Then escort their child to their assigned dressing room leaving dancers backstage with CS Staff & Student Leaders until after the finale!

ALL STUDENTS WILL STAY BACKSTAGE FOR THE ENTIRE PERFORMANCE!

- We will provide cups for dancers to use for water if thirsty. **NO FOOD IS ALLOWED BACKSTAGE.** Please have dancers eat a good meal before the performance to tide them over for the short amount of time they'll be backstage.
- **ALL STUDENTS WILL BE IN THE FINALE!** Parents will not be allowed to check out their child prior to the conclusion of the finale.

- To maintain a physically distanced, organized, safe and secure environment for all children, we are asking for only one person to come backstage to **sign out** their child. You can then return to the lobby for pictures & celebrating with your entire party!

DADDY & ME DANCERS:

- Daddy & Me Dancers should go to the **ASSIGNED MEETING PLACE** that will be determined at the dress rehearsal- NOT THEIR CHILD'S DRESSING ROOM! Children will be escorted to the meeting place to join the dads.
- After your performance, staff will return your child to their dressing room and you can return to your seat in the audience.
- **PLEASE DO NOT GO TO YOUR CHILD'S DRESSING ROOM TO MEET YOUR CHILD AT INTERMISSION!**

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR GUESTS:

- **VIDEOS & PICTURES:** You are welcome to take pictures (no flash) and video of the performance. HOWEVER, please be courteous of audience members behind you. NO tripods or standing up in the audience to video.
- **ENTER AND EXIT THE HOUSE** only through the back doors between numbers when necessary.
- **TICKETS:** If you have not ordered your tickets online please do so ASAP. There will be very limited tickets available at the door. www.centerstageacademy.org/recital2021
- **FLOWERS:** For your convenience, we will have all pre-ordered flowers ready and waiting for you to pick up at the show! We will also have flowers available for purchase in the lobby at each performance!
- **VIDEOS:** A free recording of the recital will be given to each family! You will receive an email when it is available.
- **LIVE BROADCAST:** ALL performances will be broadcast live online this year! The link will be added to our website the day of the performance so your family and friends who are unable to attend in person can enjoy the excitement!
- **NO GUESTS SHOULD EVER MEET A DANCER BACKSTAGE!** Our space is extremely limited, and for the safety of our performers, we do not allow any additional people backstage.
- **DADS, BROTHERS, ETC.:** Please be aware that dancers often have to make quick changes directly backstage or offstage. We make every effort to provide a modest changing area, but this is impossible at certain times. Please make a conscious effort to avoid all areas around the stage.

GENERAL REMINDERS FOR DANCERS:

- Please do not wear any personal jewelry or nail polish during dress rehearsal or performances. We want to look uniform in our costumes.
- Remember: **Do not wear underwear under your tights.** Inevitably, it will stick out under leotards and cause lines under pants.
- Hair should be fixed according to the **Costume Information Sheet for your class** (available on the studio website). Please use only the hair accessories that came with your costume and hair rubber bands that match your hair color. Buns should be wrapped in an invisible hair net.
- Make-up should be tastefully applied. Remember though, the stage lights wash out faces so generously apply lip color and blush.
- If you purchased a skin-toned body liner, you can arrive already wearing it to the dress rehearsal & performances!

Names must be clearly placed in all personal belongings, costumes, shoes, accessories & tights!
Be sure to leave all valuables at home!
Center Stage is not responsible for lost/damaged phones/tablets/etc...